

# No Harems, Veils in Modern Turkey

## Interpreter for Konya Days Says Life Hard Here

You can put that quaint idea of veiled Turkish women lounging in flowing robes in an exotic harem right into that mental trash can.

"Just isn't so in modern Turkey."

Modernity of Turkey is much more interested in the latest color or Faith creations and follows modern fashion trends with the same avidity as her American sister.

That's the word from Mrs. James R. Tallmadge, of 1723 Camino de las Costa, who should know.

The Hollywood Riviera housewife, from Istanbul, Turkey, brushed aside all ideas of quaint wardrobes and harems.

**Banished**  
Picturesque as these exotic thoughts might be, they were banished along with the red fez when Ataturk reshaped Turkey into a modern republic a generation ago.

As a matter of fact, Mrs. Tallmadge, wife of a Space Technology official, finds American's views of Turkey somewhat funny.

"The only time that Turks wear those colorful costumes might be for a party or special holiday celebration in a small village," she said.

In the cities, Turkey is quite cosmopolitan, with washing machines and refrigerators no novelty.

Mrs. Tallmadge, who left her native land three years ago, also had some pretty strong opinions of her new country.

Such as the idea that push-button technology is making the American housewife's life an easy one.

**Work Too Hard**  
"American women just work too hard," she claims. Recently my sister visited me from Turkey, and when she left, she was downright exhausted."

She contrasts American homemaking with that in Turkey.

"At home, all you have to do is clap your hands for a servant. But I don't think they've invented anything here that can make a machine do something just by clapping your hands," she explained.

But she believes American husbands are just dolls.

"They help out around the house, and you always know where you stand financially. In Turkey you never find out if you are rich or poor until you become a widow," she explained.

Mrs. Tallmadge, who is fluent in six languages, will be the official interpreter during the Konya Day celebration Feb. 28, which will usher in the city-to-city program with Torrance's sister city.

## Bassinet Decor Sets Scene for Baby Shower

Ma Sooter of Sun Valley was feted at a recent baby shower in her honor by Miss Alice Navarro and Mrs. Kenneth Belles.

A bassinet decorated in yellow and green, valentine candies, games and prizes set the scene as guests gathered at the fireplace of the Belles' home, 2748 Gramercy Ave. to present the honoree with many beautiful gifts for the anticipated family addition.

Attending the shower were Mrs. Bill Bryson, Walter Houdashett, Harold Belles, Jack De Raigmo, Bob Sooter, Roy Sooter, Philip Woodward, Ben Wallace, A. Madison, Ken Spoon, Bill Boyes, Joe Mariz, C. Navarro, J. Spoon, Les Crawford, Miss Phyllis Bryson, Miss Linda Belles and Miss Pam Wallace.

Sending gifts but unable to attend were Mrs. J. Pollock, Leroy Stvigart and Les Crawford.

Door prize was won by Miss Dryson, game prizes by Mrs. Madison, and Mrs. Linda Belles.

## Torrance Actors Take Part in "Career" Play

Leo Trueson, Phyllis Foss, and Arnold Rosenfeld of Torrance will join a cast of professional TV and motion picture actors in the Hermosa Beach Pier Playhouse production of "Career" a three-act play by James Lee.

The play will open March 6 with Val Dufour directing. Dufour, a Broadway and Hollywood actor-director, has appeared in shows such as Playhouse 90, Maverick, Peter Gunn and Four Star Playhouse. He succeeded Marlon Brando in the leading role of "Streetcar Named Desire" during its Broadway run.

Reservation may be obtained by calling FR 2-5000. Tickets are now on sale.

To buy, sell or trade, your best bet is a Press Classified Ad.

# WOMEN'S FEATURES ACTIVITIES CLUBS SECTION

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A TURKISH HEADDRESS of days gone past is effected by Mrs. James R. Tallmadge of 1723 Camino de La Costa, Hollywood Riviera. Mrs. Tallmadge, a native of Turkey, will act as official interpreter during the Konya Day celebration Feb. 28.

## Life Memberships Presented at Council Meeting

The next Gardena-Wilmington council meeting will be held at 186th St. School Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. At the recent Founder's Day program honoring past presidents Honorary Life memberships were presented to Mrs. Walter Stewart and Mrs. J. T. Evans Jr., a third recipient was chosen but due to illness the presentation was postponed.

Under the direction of Mrs. James McMillen, Founder's Day chairman, the executive board modeled fashions from the 19th and early 20th century. Miss Janet Reynold, from the Good Will Industries, where the costumes were obtained, did a short narration on each fashion. Musical entertainment was provided by the 135th St. School PTA Mother Singers.

Miss Engdahl, chairman of the nominating committee for the '56 and '60 slate of officers, announced the following candidates nominated: Mmes. Donald Dittman, president; Merrill Lindley, first vice-president; Paul Tobey, second vice-president; Neils Iversen, secretary; Bill Throver, historian; Frank Garst, treasurer; Ward Grantham was nominated as auditor.

Members voted on the division of the Gardena-Wilmington council.

## VALENTINE PARTY

A Valentine's Day party was held by upper division Sports Knight at Stephen M. White Junior High School, 22102 Figueroa St.



A LOOK AT HISTORY is taken as Tau Phi Sorority members review the work of last year's activities in the historian's scrapbook. The 1958 section was completed and turned over at the Feb. 16 meeting at Lococo's Restaurant in Manhattan Beach. From left, front row: Rebe Noble, Yvonne Eipper, Alice Peters. Second row: Anna Ross, Dola Hacker, Violet Kauble. Top row: Wilda Lang, Ethel Imel, Emma Ganabrant, Darlene Payne, Ann Lane, Teresa Hiatt and Edna Moore.

Photo by Lois Howley

## Sorority Looks Over the Past

Reminiscence of the year just past was the highlight of the Feb. 16 meeting of the Tau Phi Sorority held at Lococo's Restaurant in Manhattan Beach.

The scrapbook for 1958 was prepared by Anna Ross of Lomita, historian.

Mrs. Teresa Hiatt took charge of the meeting in the absence of Christine Moore, president, and J. Hedrick, vice president both of Torrance who were called out of town.

Suggestions for a late dinner hour or an early morning breakfast were considered.

The next meeting of the sorority will be held March 16.

## Local Judges Select Queen

Robert Gordon and Fredrick Hartman, Torrance and Clifford Webster, Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce, selected Mrs. James Meador as Queen for 1959 at the Pi Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi annual Valentines Ball at the Club Alondra-Lavandale Feb. 7.

Serving with the new Queen as Princesses are Mmes. Ernest Somerville and Robert Todd. Among those winning door prizes at the Ball were William Garrison and Mrs. Robert Gordon, Torrance.

## Sorority Sets Second Heart Fund Drive

Members of Alpha Phi International Fraternity are launching their second fund raising drive for the Alpha Phi Foundation, "An Investment in Youth." The kickoff meeting was held at Mrs. Paul A. Van Amburgh's, 452 Avenue E, Redondo Beach where it was announced that the first Foundation grant has been made to the Heart Hospital Fund of the Variety Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Local Foundation chairman is Mrs. Paul A. Van Amburgh, assisted by Mesdames Willard Renn, David Nyberg and Thomas White.

Through the Foundation, members hope to provide scholarships and improved educational facilities for students, and to make research grants to universities and to promote and contribute to charitable organizations.

## "Danse" a la Triple T Club at Plush Horse

Invitations styled as French menus invited members of the Triple T Dance Club to their "Danse du Petit Dejeuner" Feb. 20 at the Plush Horse, 1700 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The following new members were welcomed at the dinner dance: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Don Meyers and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Royo.

Committee for the dance was Mr. and Mrs. Don Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. Del Thomsen, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McCoy and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pulliam.

Apertifs were served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Tweedy preceding the dance with the Tweedys and Mr. and Mrs. Art Ascolesi, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ensminger as hosts and hostesses.

## WCS Members Display Antiques at February Tea

The W.C.S. of the First Methodist Church of Torrance held an Antique Tea Feb. 19. Members of the Church displaying their antiques with a card telling the items history.

Mrs. Lois Belsley was in charge of the Tea, Mrs. C. P. Olson made the tea table arrangements and Mrs. Paul Slyn had charge of finances.

The Good Will offering made at the tea benefited: Lavinia Wallace Young Community Center, Nome, Alaska, Homer Toberman Settlement House, San Pedro and Navajo Methodist Missions School, Farmington, New Mexico.

## Founder's Day Program Is Held

Sepulveda School PTA held their Founder's Day program recently with nominations of next year's officers.

Serving on the nominating committee were: John Marin, Mmes. Charles M. Gacci, Charles Bensen, Robert E. Ringe and Robert H. Whitney, Hubert Bailey, president, William Priest, membership chairman and John Johnston, student welfare chairman recently attended the Mid-winter Conference at the Lakewood High School to hear Dr. Paul Popenoe's talk on the Changing Family and the Changing World.

## SCHOOL PAPER DRIVE SET

A paper and rag drive will be held by Sepulveda School PTA on Feb. 25. The bundled papers and rags should be delivered to the Cath-an St. entrance between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

## People, Places and Ideas Theme of Torrance Art Membership Show

People—Places—Ideas, the theme of the third annual Torrance Art Group Membership Show, will open March 6 at 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Victor E. Benstead Plunge, 3331 Torrance Blvd. An opening reception for exhibiting artists will be held March 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at which time members will be asked to vote for his or her choice of one in each category: Painting, drawing, craft. No other judging will take place.

The public is invited to come and meet the artists. Anyone interested in membership may join at any time. Background music for the show will be tape recording of the South Bay-Torrance Symphony Orchestra. There will be printed catalogues, designed by Torrance Art Group member Dorothy Sutton, who has received many awards in this field.

Torrance Junior Women's Club will be hostesses March 8 and 15, March 7 and 14 members of the Torrance Art Group will act as hostesses. Two Torrance garden clubs—the Terrace Garden Club and the Beau Jardin Club—will furnish centerpieces.

Schedule for the show is as follows:

March 6—Opening reception for exhibiting artists, 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Show, 7:30 to 10 p.m.; March 7, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; March 8, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; March 13, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; March 14, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; March 15, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.



SYMBOLIC OF A GROWING BOND between Konya and Torrance, sister cities, this olive tree will be dedicated at the Konya Day celebrations Feb. 28. The tree, presented by the garden clubs of the area, was selected recently at the nursery by (from left) Mmes. Peter Boonstra, chairman of the Torrance Women's Club Garden Section; Harlan Glenn, conservation chairman, Riviera Garden Club; Minot Rugg, president, Torrance Terrace Garden Club; and Philip Clark, president, North Torrance Fuschia Society.

## Derouins Exchange Silver Wedding Vows

A renewal of marriage vows at 10:30 High Mass, St. Margaret Mary's Catholic church of Lomita began the silver wedding anniversary celebrations of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Derouin, 1643 West 254th St., Harbor City.

In the afternoon the couple entertained more than 125 friends and relatives at their Harbor City home.

The home was decorated in white and silver with floral arrangements of white carnations, stocks and mums with silver sprayed magnolia leaves. The dining table, centered with a large tiered cake, highlighted the display of refreshments.

Among the gifts received by the couple were a black velvet covered board with 25th anniversary in silver quarters and dimes from their children and a money tree made and presented by Mrs. Laurence Derouin.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Derouin were married in Crookston, Minnesota on Feb. 8, 1934. They came to California in 1939 and lived in Torrance until 1942 when they moved to Harbor City. While in Torrance, Derouin was employed at Columbia Steel until the spring of 1942 at which time he went to work for Consolidated Ship Building in Wilmington. He remained there until the spring of 1946, when he and his brother Laurence went into the business of furniture manufacturing in Torrance, which they are still operating.

The couple have five children, Mrs. Gary Knuutila, Mrs. Sam Pedace, Donald, a student at Harbor Jr. College, Marcel, a sealer at Junipero Serra High School, Gardena and Catherine Ann, a student at St. Margaret Mary's, Lomita. They have one grandchild, six month old Greg Knuutila.

## Women's Club Stage Card Party

A Dessert Card Party will be staged by the Torrance Woman's Club Feb. 27 at 12:30 p.m. at the club house.

Bridge, canasta and pinochle will be played with prizes awarded for each game.

Mrs. R. E. Moffitt is chairman of the event with past presidents of the club serving on the committee.

The public is invited. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Moffitt at FA 84250.

## Juniors Select Committee for Nominations

A nominating committee was selected at the recent business meeting of the Torrance Junior Woman's Club.

Serving on the committee are: Mmes. Barton A. Tatum, Lee E. Allen and John A. Hall; alternates are: Mmes. Don Carlson, D. E. Moore, and Russell M. Clawson. Election of officers will be held March 11.

Mrs. John K. Mallery, third vice president, announced a ways and means spaghetti luncheon will be held at the Civic Auditorium on March 5 from 11 to 2 p.m.

Co-ordinators of the club, Mmes. W. O. Clausen and A. F. R. Ewalt will sponsor a "Roaring Twenties" party Feb. 25.

Hostess for the evening, Mrs. James F. Wilkes was assisted by Mmes: John K. Mallery, Don T. McCalman, Jean Montagne and Maurice A. Hattam.

## YWCA Membership Drive Winds Up, New Members Honored, Introduced

"Plans to wind up the 1959 YWCA Membership Drive by Feb. 25 were made by the Area Membership committee at the home of Mrs. H. E. Mudgett, 1611 N. Marjine, Wilmington, Dr. Frances Clark disclosed today.

The Wilmington Branch will honor new members Feb. 24, from 3 to 5 at the Branch Building, 1242 Avalon Blvd. New members will meet Mrs. Kenneth Lapiere, branch chairman, branch director, Mrs. Mary Ecklund, and program director, Mrs. Nina Haddock, Mrs. Marion Young, Chairman of the Branch, Jeannette Patchin, San Pedro Branch Director, and Mrs. Bernice Snow, teenage director, will meet new members.

The drive which has netted 756 members to date will have three report meetings coinciding with the teas for new members in each branch.

In Torrance new members were welcomed Feb. 20, at the Branch building, 2320 Carson. Members were introduced to the branch chairman, Mrs. Minot Rugg, branch director, Mrs. Joel Canby and program director, Virginia Burton.

New members open house and tea will take place at the San Pedro Branch, 437 West Ninth St., Feb. 25, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Mrs. E. C. Spires, chairman of the membership drive for the San Pedro Branch, Mrs. E. A. Booth, chairman of the drive for Wilmington, and Mrs. Rugg, chairman for Torrance will receive reports from workers at these events.

## Powells Entertain Jobie Bethel 50 Mothers' Club

The George Powell's home, 4017 Bluff was opened to the Jobie's Mothers Club of Bethel No. 50 of Torrance Feb. 11 assisting as hostesses were, Mmes. Hector Herrera and Charles Jackson.

A Get Acquainted Salad Luncheon is planned for Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Willys Blount, 1444 El Prado, co-hostess for the event will be Mrs. George Crabtree.

The Mother's will serve dinners Feb. 1 for the Masonic group AIF Research and March 2 for the Honorary Life Dinner, Torrance Council of PTA.

## HONORARY LIFE AWARDS

Honorary life memberships were awarded to three members of Torrance Elementary School PTA Feb. 19.

Following the presentation a program "Its Your Money" was given by Mrs. Harold Irvine.



Mr. and Mrs. Francis Derouin

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